

Quatford Charter Anglicæ

(Transcribed from a Copy in the  
Hand Writing of the late Rev.  
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near Bridgnorth, Shropshire.)

For the Time of King William (y<sup>e</sup> Conqueror)  
**ROGER** (de Belesmic) The Earle (or  
 Count) The Kings <sup>myself</sup> (his wife) Builded a Church  
 in or at Quatford in Honour of our Lord  
 Jesus **X<sup>p</sup>** St. Mary Magdalen and of all y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>t</sup>s  
 of God. They gave Ardinton, except the Land  
 of Walter Haber (or y<sup>e</sup> Smith) & that Land  
 that lyeth betwixen the Water & Mount<sup>n</sup> near  
 to the Bridge, etid from (or without) that  
 Land where The Burgh (or Fort; Borough  
 or separate Town now called **Braiges**, Burg-  
 north or Bridgenorth) is situate, etid all his  
 Prop<sup>r</sup> (rightfull) Ways & Chases quitt &  
 free from every Thing & Service. Be It Known  
 unto all men, That Earle Roger hath given  
 unto **Wulfung** Milmicppe St. Milburga for  
 A Convocation house or Chapter of Dean and  
 Proff<sup>r</sup> **Salapino**, Latino barbarum, y<sup>e</sup> Capulo  
 or Capulino) in or over which he presided.

Abington. Witness. are Godeboldus Wylym. Rich<sup>us</sup>  
de Belmesio. Herbert the School mast<sup>r</sup>. Raynold<sup>us</sup>  
Raynold<sup>us</sup> Lialial. Roger the Son of Chapter  
of Gean Corlee. and moreover they have gi-  
ven The Church of **Waverley** & the Land wh-  
ich appertains or belongeth to it, with all y<sup>e</sup>  
Tithes thereof. and the Church of Alreley &  
The Lees therein (viz<sup>t</sup>) Nonley and Bobinton  
and Delcarton the <sup>full</sup> whole Tithes. and of Mo-  
subrefeld, <sup>Chalmiton</sup> Chelinton, and Stotlysdon and <sup>Chippham</sup> Lopp<sup>ham</sup>  
ha and <sup>Chulmiton</sup> Chulmiton and <sup>Chiverton</sup> Chiverton the Third part  
of y<sup>e</sup> Tithes. and the Tenths of the Toll of this  
Vill (or Burrough) and Solempnities of Markets  
and Fairs quitt or freely. and to serve the Chu-  
rch they establish and settle six Canons i.e. Bre-  
vends or Regular priests. — And All these  
Things did the <sup>say</sup> Earl by his Concession  
(consent grant or permis<sup>ion</sup>) of his Sons, viz<sup>t</sup> of  
Hugh and Philip who were there present in  
the day of Dedication, and on the same day

they gave Berchote in Tenry quill from every  
thing. i.e. Freely. — Witness. are Willstan.  
Bishop of Wyrester. Robert Bp. of Hereford.  
Robert Bp. of Chester, who were there to  
dedicate the Church. And Humphrey the  
Archdeacon. and William Arch Deacon. Her-  
bert the Schoolmast. Osbert Archdeacon.  
and Frederick Elvich Archdeacon. Godobold.  
Lynbyrn. Richard Monk of Wenlock. Raynold  
of St. Peters Salopisbury. Restoldus of St. Peters  
Gloucester. Osbert the Son of Richard. Roger  
Corbi. Roger de Luci. Mersus High Sheriff. ~~De-  
vic of Wenlock Sward, Aldrum his Brother~~  
of Worcester. **H**elgot of Stanton, and Herbert  
his son. Norman the Hunter. Roger his Bro-  
ther. another High Sheriff. Aeric of Wenlock.  
Sward, Aldrum his Brother. Augustine Soc-  
ki. Before (or in presence of) Warlance the Son  
Ellgar. —

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And may all those who have granted and sold

Exalted this Alms, Be Blessed of The  
L<sup>d</sup> who made the World of Nothing, and of the  
B<sup>l</sup> Mary Magd<sup>n</sup> and of all S<sup>t</sup>s. and they  
who shall diminish from these things, or from  
The Liberty or Freedom of 'em, May they be eter-  
nally cursed of y<sup>e</sup> Lord As Dathan and Abiram, whom  
The Earth swallowed up alive. Fiat, fiat. Amen.  
en. So be it. So be it. Amen.

Innocent Bp. Serv<sup>t</sup> of the Serv<sup>ts</sup> of God  
To our Dearly Beloved in X<sup>t</sup>, The King of Engl<sup>d</sup>  
Greetings & Apostolical Blessings. By so much the  
more willingly we give et benign and kind et  
spont to your Highness<sup>s</sup> Petitions by how much  
for at what rate we repute you (among other X<sup>t</sup>  
Kings and Princes) et Beloved and Dervit Son  
in the Lord. Therefore we inclining to your Sur-  
applications et strictly Inhibit (or forbid) that not  
any Ordinary or Delegate also or Subdelegat In  
The Regal Chappels and Oratories of the Sa-  
me, or In the Churches or Chappels appertaining

to be immediately Subject To The Church of Rome  
 Sith: upon (or agst) The Canons, Preb: Vicers or  
 Ministers thereof, agst The Tenour of The Privil-  
 =idges and Indulgen: of The Apostolical See may  
 Dare to promulge. Excommunications or any other  
 Sentences, Or impose any Burthen upon their  
 Ministers that hath not been accustomed to be  
 imposed upon Oth: Exempt Churches without  
 The Special Mandate of The Apostolical See  
 which ~~makes~~ <sup>makes</sup> shall make Express Menton of  
 Inhibition hereof. It may therefore be Lawfull  
 For no man at all to infringe and break in piece  
 This <sup>Bill or Charter</sup> Page of our Inhibition, or go agst it  
 with a temerarious Fool-hardy adventurous Act.  
 But if any shall presume to do so, Let him know  
 and shall incurr The Indignation (or Wrath) of  
 Clement Bp. Serv: ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Apostles Peter and Paul,  
 Dearly Beloved in X. The Illustrious King of ~~the~~

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Engl<sup>d</sup> greeting and apostolical Benediction. It hath  
been proposed and set forth before us on your behalf,  
That the Kg<sup>s</sup> of Engl<sup>d</sup> of Famous memory your  
Progenit<sup>r</sup> in the Kingdom of Engl<sup>d</sup> afore as Bish-  
hops were Ordained there, For that they founded  
Many Churches, and with Royal Bountifull<sup>d</sup>  
Endowed 'em of y<sup>e</sup> annuall goods which from (or  
by) their ~~own~~ Foundation were wholly free, and  
exempt (or, immune) from the jurisdiction of Arch-  
Bps. and any other Inferiour Ordinaries. And  
have enjoyed their plenary <sup>Liberty</sup> Freedom ~~liberty~~ till of  
late times. But at length A Storme of Troubles  
arise in the <sup>said</sup> ~~the~~ Kingdom the Arch Bps & Bishops (in  
whose Dioceses the afores<sup>d</sup> Churches are situate) which  
are commonly called Royal Chappels) and other  
Ordinaries of y<sup>e</sup> same Dioceses, over the s<sup>d</sup> Church-  
es usurping an undue, unlawfull Jurisdiction to employ  
In some of 'em have employ'd y<sup>e</sup> Office of Visitation  
by exercising Ecclesiastical Censures y<sup>e</sup> in, or  
in the Clergy thereof not daring by reason of the



<sup>was</sup>  
Troubles times to resist 'em, The arch Bps, Bps  
and oth: Delegates aforesd. herein, But sithence  
That Much Prejudice may hereafter <sup>accrue</sup>  
by these thgs who are The Patron of these <sup>of</sup> three  
arches, and to the Churches benefs and Clergy the  
reof. We desiring by Paternal Diligence in Gods  
behalf To <sup>pro</sup>vide as well for Thy Right, as also for  
The Indemnity of The Ch<sup>ch</sup>, and Clergy aforesd.  
(That The P<sup>re</sup>misses being true by reason of The  
Usurpation of The aforesd Rights by arch Bps Bps  
and other Ordinaries in whose possess<sup>ion</sup> they  
are not before y<sup>e</sup> aforesd. Troubles, (or <sup>com-</sup> <sup>mo-</sup> <sup>tion</sup>)  
Authority of these P<sup>re</sup>misses We Indulge Shall  
No P<sup>re</sup>judice Hurt or Damage may arise or acc<sup>rue</sup>  
to thee Or the Churches Clergy or Mem<sup>bers</sup>  
thereof — It shall Therefore Be Lawfull for  
No man at all To infringe and break in pieces  
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sume to do it He hath hereby Known He shall



Incurr The Indignation or Wrath of Alm.  
God and of Petr<sup>e</sup> and Paul his blessed Ap<sup>o</sup>stles,  
And our own Ang<sup>r</sup> and Indignation.

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